

ST GREGORY'S SVP MONTHLY COLLECTION

Thank you for your kind and generous offerings of **£163.68**.
The next collection will be on 2nd April 2023

CAFOD CALENDAR - LENTEN REFLECTIONS

CAFOD would like to invite you to join them in reflection and prayer this Lent.

To sign up, please follow the link below:

[Lent calendar with daily prayers and reflection \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://cafod.org.uk)

SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR LENT?

CAFOD and the Archdiocese of Liverpool have put together a series of five short weekly sessions for prayer, reflection and discussion during Lent. Thanks to all those who came to the first session. We enjoyed sharing our thoughts on Lent, and how best to conserve the good things the Earth gives us. It would be great if more people could come and join us. There will be tea and biscuits and a warm welcome. Our next session will be at **7pm** in the church house on **Tuesday 7th March**. Could you spare an hour each week to join us? Please come if you can.

MUSIC FOR THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Nick Baty is leading a workshop on music for the Easter Triduum on **Saturday 18th March 10:30am - 2:00pm**. For further information, please see the poster in the church porch.

NEW WAYS TO PAY & DONATE!



In an effort to keep up with the times, we are pleased to say that donations to St Gregory's can now be made electronically by scanning this QR code and following the on-line instructions. There is another copy of the code on the noticeboard at the back of church. We are also pleased to accept payments by debit/credit card. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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JESUS	PETER	JAMES
JOHN	MOUNTAIN	FACE
SUN	MOSES	ELIJAH
TENTS	CLOUD	SHADOW



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

Sunday 5th March 2023 - 2nd Sunday of Lent, Year A

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ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL

Registered Charity No: 1199714

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 16:00

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:

Christine Booth

SAFEGUARDING REP:

Awaiting Appointment

WEEKLY COLLECTION w/c 26th February 2023

Gift Aid: **£89.50**

Loose Plate: **£285.11**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

Sincere thanks for your kind and generous weekly donations which go towards the upkeep of the church.

REFLECTION

In the gospel this Sunday, Jesus brings three of his disciples away from the hustle and bustle of the market place and takes them up the mountain. This is not unusual as we know from other gospel accounts that Jesus himself often went up the mountain to pray. But while they are on the mountain, something very strange and unusual happens. Jesus is changed in a very dramatic way - he is transformed beyond all recognition and his disciples fall on their faces, overcome with fear. Jesus simply touches them and tells them not to be afraid. As Jesus continues on his journey towards Jerusalem, he knows what he is facing - he will be betrayed, denied, condemned and crucified. Perhaps sensing the disciples fear and anxiety he wants to reassure them, so he gives them a glimpse of the shape of things to come; he is revealed to them in all his glory. Perhaps this brief glimpse of Jesus in all his glory is also meant to reassure us today. Just like the disciples, we too sometimes experience fear, doubt and even a lack of faith. Perhaps we also need to be encouraged and strengthened by Jesus, especially as we continue our journey through Lent. We need to be reassured that our prayers, fasting and sharing with the poor is not an end in itself and that it is not all done in vain. We are heading towards the resurrection and the new life of Easter, but we have a distance to go yet. In the meantime, the experience of Jesus transformed offers each of us a taste of what lies ahead. If we share in the suffering and passion of Jesus, we will also share in his resurrection. This is the hope in which we are asked to have faith as we make our way through Lent. God calls and asks us to listen to Jesus as he carries his cross and makes his way to Jerusalem and his crucifixion. Jesus says this to us each and every Lent, *'if you want to be my disciples, come, take up your cross and follow me.'* When we are tempted to give up and give in, let us look to Jesus changed and transformed. May we see in him the future that is promised to us, not only at Easter but in the fullness of God's Kingdom. So, let us do what the voice of God says to us today: *'This is my Son, the beloved; Listen to him.'*

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Sheila McGeown - Dorothy Fairclough - Derek Birchall - Paul Gallery - Christine Zawistowicz
 Hugh O'Daly - Paul McBeth - Baby Elmo Allan - Fr Laurence Mayne - Emily Moss
 Teresa Abernethy - Angela Helmn - Shirley Langstrath - Margaret Dearden
 Catherine - Philip Compton - Paul Spedding

Heal thy servants, O Lord, who are sick and send them comfort from thy holy place. Amen.

Please remember and keep in your prayers all those who have died recently especially Brian Finnigan, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen.*

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

NORMAL MASS/SERVICE TIMES

MONDAY: **ROSARY** 9:30am, **HOLY MASS** 10:00am (St Gregory's)

TUESDAY: **ROSARY** 8:50am, **HOLY MASS** 9:15am (St Oswald's)

TUESDAY: **DEVOTIONS** 1:00pm - 2:00pm (St Gregory's)

WEDNESDAY: **ROSARY** 8:00am, **HOLY MASS** 8:30am (St Gregory's)

WEDNESDAY: **EXPOSITION** 10:00am - 2:00pm

THURSDAY: **ROSARY** 8:50am, **HOLY MASS** 9:15am (St Oswald's)

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FRIDAY: **ROSARY** 8:00am, **EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE** 8:30am (St Gregory's)

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SATURDAY: **ROSARY** 9:30am, **HOLY MASS** 10:00am (St Gregory's)

SUNDAY MASSES

HOLY MASS 9:30am & 6:30pm (St Gregory's) & **11:00am** (St Oswald's)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated in each Parish every week during Lent and will be led by Parishioners.

St Oswald's - Thursday at 6:30pm commencing 2nd March

St Gregory's - Friday at 6:30pm commencing 3rd March

MASS OF WELCOME

At all Masses today, the families with children who are to be baptised during this coming year will be welcomed into our Parish Communities. Please keep them all in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

Due to the number of Mass intentions being received and the number of Masses said at each church, we cannot guarantee that the Mass intention you ask for can be celebrated always on the day or even at the church you specify. Whilst we try to facilitate your preferences, rather than have large backlogs, some Masses may be said at our partner church.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 05 Mar	9:30am	2ND SUNDAY OF LENT	Mary Robinson (BR) Frank Wrennall (BR)	ST GREGORY'S MASS OF WELCOME
	6:30pm		James & Sarah Cornwall (F)	
SUN 05 Mar	11:00am	2ND SUNDAY OF LENT	Paul Eastham	ST OSWALD'S MASS OF WELCOME
Mon 06 Mar	10:00am	REQUIEM MASS	NB: NO MORNING MASS	ST OSWALD'S
	11:00am		William Morris	
Tues 07 Mar	9:15am	St Perpetua & St Felicity	Alice Hart (F) Special Intention	DEVOTIONS 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 08 Mar	9:30am	REQUIEM MASS	Jean Mulhearn	EXPOSITION 11:00am - 2:00pm
Thur 09 Mar	9:15am	St Frances of Rome	Margaret Coyle (F) Fred & Bessie Fowler (A)	HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION 1:00pm - 2:00pm
	6:30pm		STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
Fri 10 Mar	8:30am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
	9:15am		EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
	6:30pm		STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
Sat 11 Mar	10:00am		Tony Brown Margaret Mary Ellison	
SUN 12 Mar	9:30am	3RD SUNDAY OF LENT	Bernard Marmion Derek Smith (BR)	ST GREGORY'S
	6:30pm		Eileen Farrell (A) Anne Andjelkovic & Elizabeth Kavanagh	
SUN 12 Mar	11:00am	3RD SUNDAY OF LENT	The People of the Parish	ST OSWALD'S